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 Filed : October 31, 2003 : Examiner Troy Chambers
 For : PROPELLANT EXTRUSION DIE

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in response to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2006 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final Official Action mailed January 30, 2006, which carried a shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due by April 30, 2006. This response, however, is being submitted within two months of the date of the Action.

It is requested that the following amendments be entered as they are believed to bring the claims into condition for allowance or reduce the remaining issues should an Appeal be necessary: